

(B) The main provisions of the regulation: Add "occupational therapist" to the regulation as necessary and adds definitions for the terms "occupational therapist" and "occupational therapy."

(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all of the ways that the regulation would change existing regulations or other laws are: The proposed regulation will amend the current policy to permit payment for services provided by independent occupational therapists. This will also ensure that individuals receiving services from an independent occupational therapist paid for by their MCO prior to January 1, 2012, to continue to receive those services and have them paid for by Medicaid after they are transitioned to the ASO.

The proposed regulation also makes several technical corrections.

A copy of the complete text of these regulations is available at no cost upon request from the Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, 12th floor, Hartford, CT 06106; email sandie.prentiss@ct.gov.

All interested persons who wish to present their views, questions, or concerns regarding these regulations may do so at a public hearing to be held on March 14, 2012 from 10:00 to 11:00 in Conference Room 1 on the Mezzanine Level, at the Department of Social Services, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT.

In addition, all written comments regarding these regulations may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations, and Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Attention: Brenda Parrella.

When submitting comments please refer to regulation control # 11-05/BF.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations

In accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-168 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services, under the authority of section 17b-262 of the Connecticut General Statutes, proposes to amend sections 17b-262-337 to 17b-262-349, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, to ensure payment and enrollment of physician assistants ("PAs") when working in conjunction with a physician.

Statement of purpose: (A) The purpose of the regulations is to add provisions that allow DSS to pay for the services of a physician assistant working in conjunction with a physician in accordance with their scope of practice as outlined in Connecticut General Statutes and to enroll PAs as performing providers. The problems, issues or circumstances that the regulation proposes to address: Effective January 1, 2012, the Department of Social Services ("the Department") will transition from a Managed Care Organization ("MCO") model to an Administrative Services Organization ("ASO") model. CMS requires the Department to maintain a certain ratio of primary care practitioners ("PCPs") to clients. PAs working in conjunction with a PCP are included in the count. With the change in management responsibility the calculation and maintenance of the necessary ratio reverts back to the Department

and the ASO. A change in regulations is necessary in order to allow enrollment of PAs so that the Department may determine if the provider network is adequate to meet federal criteria.

(B) The main provisions of the regulation: Add definitions of "physician assistant" and "performing provider" and add a section describing payment of physician assistants.

(C) The legal effects of the regulation, including all of the ways that the regulation would change existing regulations or other laws are: The proposed regulation will amend the current policy to permit enrollment of physician assistants and payment to their supervising physician for their services. This amendment will also ensure that these providers continue to be available to clients receiving services from a PA paid for by their MCO prior to January 1, 2012 after they are transitioned to the ASO.

The proposed regulation also makes several technical corrections.

A copy of the complete text of these regulations is available at no cost upon request from the Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations and Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, 12th floor, Hartford, CT 06106; email sandie.prentiss@ct.gov.

All interested persons who wish to present their views, questions, or concerns regarding these regulations may do so at a public hearing to be held on March 8, 2012 from 10:00 to 11:00 in Conference Room 1 on the Mezzanine Level, at the Department of Social Services, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT.

In addition, all written comments regarding these regulations may be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice to the Department of Social Services, Office of Legal Counsel, Regulations, and Administrative Hearings, 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Attention: Brenda Parrella.

When submitting comments please refer to regulation control # 11-09/BF.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations

In accordance with the provisions of § 4-168(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to section 110 of Public Act 11-44, intends to amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies by adopting new sections 17b-262-926 to 17b-262-936, inclusive. These new sections set forth the requirements for Medicaid provider participation in the Person-Centered Medical Homes ("PCMH") initiative, a HUSKY Health and Charter Oak program that qualifies Medicaid providers for enhanced reimbursement rates for demonstrating a higher standard of person-centered primary care service delivery to individuals enrolled in the HUSKY Health program and the Charter Oak Health Plan. The Department of Social Services ("the Department") implemented and began operating under these policies effective January 1, 2012, pursuant to section 110(b) of Public Act 11-44.

Statement of purpose: (A) The purpose of the proposed regulations is to establish the policies for the implementation and operation of the PCMH program. The proposed regulation includes provisions which set forth: (1) The requirements for